# Phillips County Commissioner Meeting Minutes October 7, 2021

The board held a work session with Maintenance Supervisor Dan Waln and Sheriff Thom Elliott prior to the meeting.

#### Call to order

Chairman Hofmeister called to order the meeting of the Phillips County Commissioners and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:10 A.M. on October 7, 2021 the County Courthouse in the Commissioners' meeting room.

#### **Attendees**

Chairman Terry Hofmeister, Commissioners Garold Roberts and Tom Timm, and County Administrator Laura Schroetlin

#### **Additional Attendees**

Jennifer Deam, Ruth Seedorf, DHS Director Lori Lundgren, Mayor Orville Tonsing, and Assistant Road Manager Kevin Scott

#### **Additions or Corrections to the Agenda**

None

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Roberts made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

## **Consent Agenda Items:**

- a. Approval of the minutes of the BOCC 09.30.2021 meeting
- b. Approval of the AP Invoice list
- c. Acknowledgment of the receipt of the Treasurer's reports
- d. Acknowledgment of receipt of the Event Center rentals/surveys

#### **Public Comments**

No public comments

## **Appointments**

Deam and Seedorf gave an overview of the Baby Bear Hugs Program. They are requesting a contribution of \$10,062 from Phillips County.

Tonsing asked if the County would consider providing 50 loads (approximately 1,000 yds) of fill dirt to the City of Holyoke for its firehall project.

The meeting recessed at 10:16 am to allow for attendance at the Gale Wiebers funeral. The meeting resumed at 11:38 am.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Hofmeister gave an update on the Opioid Settlement. We are awaiting direction from the regional committee as to next steps.

## **Motions/New Business**

The commissioners discussed placing a moratorium on the construction of any wind farm facility until wind specific regulations are added to the current zoning regulations. A draft moratorium resolution will be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

Timm moved to accept the proposal from Cornhusker Glass, Inc to replace twelve (12) windows and one (1) door glass at the Phillips County Event Center in the amount of \$3,048.84. Roberts seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Roberts moved to accept the proposal from Central Plains for the purchase of a Land Pride FDR 25 finish mower in the amount of \$4,387.22. Timm seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0. ARPA funds will be used for this purchase.

The commissioners approved the 2022 Holiday Schedule. It was noted that as January  $1^{st}$  falls on a Saturday, per established policy, December  $31^{st}$ , 2021 will be the observed holiday date.

The commissioners approved rescheduling the December 31st meeting date to December 30th.

Timm moved to accept the ESRI renewal quote for the Assessor's office in the amount of \$1,900. Roberts seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Roberts moved to accept the contract between Great Copier Service and the Assessor & Treasurer offices in the amount of \$0.127 per copy (\$38.20 per quarter minimum). Timm seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Roberts moved to accept an amendment to the East Phillips County Ambulance license adding Troy Kinoshita as an ambulance attendance/driver. Timm seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Roberts move to forgive the property tax liability for Account No: P001925 in the amount of \$671.63 per the request from Treasurer Sharon Michael. Timm seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Roberts moved to provide fifty (50) loads of material from the Ward Pit to the City of Holyoke for the fire shed location. Timm seconded and the motion carried unanimously 3-0. The County will cover the hauling and the mineral owner costs.

The commissioners reviewed draft department budgets with Treasurer Sharon Michael and Assessor Doug Kamery. The other department heads will review their draft budgets on October 13<sup>th</sup> during a scheduled work session.

Schroetlin reported that a USDA grant for a second patrol car seems unlikely in 2022. She will discuss this with Sheriff Elliott.

#### **Adjournment**

Chairman Hofmeister adjourned the meeting at 12:42 P.M.

Minutes submitted by County Administrator Laura L. Schroetlin

Next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2021.

Phillips County Commissioners:

Attest:

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Beth Zilla, County Clerk

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